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INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, ASEC, AR

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES

1. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR HILL IN BUENOS AIRES, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING POLICY, ORIGINALLY SENT ADDRESSEE POSTS (NOTAL) IN STATE 89849 REGARDING UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO BUENOS AIRES, IS APPROPRIATE. UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO BUENOS AIRES SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED, BUT SUCH TRAVEL AT THE PRESENT TIME IS NOT PROHIBITED. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO BAN ON TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES FOR AMERICAN TOURISTS AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND CONSIDERING THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF ADDRESSEE POSTS TO BUENOS AIRES, CHIEFS OF MISSION AT ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY APPROVE UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES. APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR SCREENING TRAVEL REQUESTS TO VISIT

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BUENOS AIRES SHOULD BE INSTITUTED TO ENSURE THAT NO SIGNI-

FICANTLY LARGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES VISIT THE CAPITAL AT ONE TIME.

2. DEPARTMENT STRESSES THAT FOREGOING APPROVING AUTHORITY APPLIES TO TRAVEL TO CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES ONLY. REQUESTS TO TRAVEL TO OUTSIDE OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF BUENOS AIRES AND RESIDENTIAL SUBURBS SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES, WHICH MAINTAINS A CURRENT LIST OF PROSCRIBED PROVINCES. AT THE PRESENT TIME, UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL TO OR THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PROVINCES IS CONSIDERED A HIGH RISK AND IS BANNED TO ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN ARGENTINA: CORDOBA, CATAMARCA, SANTA FE, TUCUMAN, SALTA AND JUJUY.

3. FOR BRASILIA: PLEASE INFORM CONSTITUENT POSTS. INGERSOLL

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